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Effective July 1, 2008, the MO HealthNet Program will require all electronic billers to submit their ASC X12N electronic files with the following restrictions for the ISA13 and GS06 data elements.

Data Element ISA13: Interchange Control Number

- This Unique Number must be identical to the Interchange Control Number in IEA02.
- Right justify number, left fill with zeroes to nine (9) bytes.
- Each submission should start with a value of '1' and increment by at least one (1) each time a file is sent.

Previously, MO HealthNet had not required electronic billers to increment the value in this data element - anything was accepted as long as the ISA13 and IEA02 data elements matched. To ensure system continuity, increase file tracking capability, and prevent duplicate file processing, MO HealthNet will start requiring the value submitted in ISA13 to be both unique and incremental/ ascending. It is not necessary that the electronic biller starts with the value of '1'; however, it is necessary that they increment the ISA13 value by at least one (1) for each subsequent file submitted.

This requirement will not reset each day. The ISA13 data element is 9 bytes long, so the providers could send values up to 999999999 before starting over at 000000001.

Data Element GS06: Group Control Number

- This Unique Number must be identical to the Group Control Number in GE02.
- Each submission should start with a value of '1' and increment by at least one (1) each time a file is sent.

Previously, MO HealthNet had not required electronic billers to increment the value in this data element - anything was accepted as long as the GS06 and GE02 data elements matched. MO HealthNet will start requiring the value in GS06 to be both unique and incremental/ascending inside each file submitted. The reasons for this change includes, standardizing control number requirements, assisting with Functional Group tracking, and preventing duplicate Functional Group processing. It is not necessary that the electronic biller starts with the value of '1'; however, it is necessary that they increment the GS06 value by at least one (1) for each subsequent Functional Group submitted.

This requirement will not reset each day. MO HealthNet electronic billers should continue to increment their Functional Group Control Numbers up to the maximum allowed for that data element before starting over at 1. The GS06 field is 9 bytes long, so the providers could send values up to 999999999 before starting over at 000000001.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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